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Re:

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Application No. 10/762,491; Filed: January 23, 2004

**Magnetic Head Suspension** For:

Inventor:

Murakami et al.

Our Ref:

2244.0170000/TGD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO/SB/08A one (1) page listing cited documents AC1-AF1; and
- 3. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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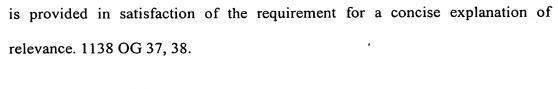
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